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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTO DOMINGO 4201

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1. SHORTLY AFTER WE RECEIVED INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL (4 PM) REGARDING CAPITULATION OF TERRORISTS, GENERAL GUZMAN ARRIVED AT THE EMBASSY TO CONFIRM THE NEWS DIRECTLY TO ME AND TO INFORM ME THAT PRESIDENT BALAGUER HAD CHARGED HIM TO WORK OUT WITH THE THREE CHIEFS OF MISSION INVOLVED THE REMAINING ARRANGEMENTS. (MY SPANISH COLLEAGUE WHO WITH HIS WIFE WAS ATTENDING THIS AFTERNOON'S DANCE PERFORMANCE AT THE NATIONAL THEATER BY THE SENEGALESE BARE-BREADED BEAUTIES, HAD PRUDENTLY LEFT WORD WITH ME WHERE HE COULD BE REACHED. I GOT WORD TO HIM AND HE WAS IN MY OFFICE WHEN GENERAL GUZMAN ARRIVED.)

2. I CALLED THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR AND ASKED IF HE COULD RECEIVE US, WHICH HE GRACIOUSLY DID IMMEDIATELY. (MY SPANISH COLLEAGUE ACCOMPANIED GENERAL GUZMAN AND ME BUT WAS A "NON-PERSON" SINCE SPAIN DOES NOT MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH MEXICO; WE HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE OUR VENEZUELAN COLLEAGUE.) THE MEXICAN  
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AMBASSADOR, WHO IS AN EXCELLENT DIPLOMAT AND HAS HAD SOME CON-

SIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN KIDNAPPING MATTERS GOING BACK TO THE CASE OF COLONEL CROWLEY, DID NOT SEEM TO FIND IT STRANGE THAT HE WAS BEING INFORMED OF ALL OF THIS BY THE DOMINICAN CHIEF OF POLICE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND A NON-EXISTENT SPANISH AMBASSADOR. BEING A VETERAN OF THIS SUI GENERIS, "DO-IT-YOURSELF", TWO-THIRDS-OF-AN-ISLAND COUNTRY, HE QUICKLY ADAPTED TO THE SITUATION. HE SAID THAT HE ASSUMED, OF COURSE, THAT THINGS WOULD EVENTUALLY FOLLOW NORMAL FOREIGN OFFICE CHANNELS, BUT IN THE MEANTIME HE WAS QUITE PREPARED TO CONSULT HIS GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE CHIEF OF POLICE'S INFORMATION THAT THE KIDNAPPERS DESIRED ASYLUM IN MEXICO AND THAT HE WOULD DO SO IMMEDIATELY BY TELEPHONE.

3. SOME TWO HOURS LATER I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO REACH FONSEC GOMEZ BERGES AND INFORMED HIM OF THE CONVERSATION WITH THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR.

HE IMMEDIATELY SUMMONED THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR AND TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD INFORM ME OF THE RESULTS OF THE CONVERSATION. AN HOUR OR SO LATER HE CALLED TO SAY THAT THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIS GOVERNMENT TELEPHONICALLY BUT HOPED TO DO SO SOON. IN THE MEANTIME, FONSEC GOMEZ AND MEXICAN AMBASSADOR GARCIA PREFERRED THAT NO MENTION OF MEXICO BE MADE PUBLIC UNTIL THE MATTER HAD BEEN DECIDED. I SAID TO FONSEC GOMEZ THAT AT THE PRESS INTERVIEW WHICH GENERAL GUZMAN PROPOSED WE GIVE (FOLLOWING TEL) NEITHER MY SPANISH COLLEAGUE NOR THE VENEZUELAN NOR I HAD MENTIONED ANY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AS TO HOW SOON THE HOSTAGES WOULD BE FREED AND WHAT THE DESTINATION OF THE KIDNAPPERS WAS, AS LONG AS I WAS PRESENT AT PRESS INTERVIEWS WE ALL THREE TOOK THE LINE THAT THIS WAS A MATTER WHICH WAS UNDER DISCUSSION AND NO PUBLIC STATEMENT COULD BE MADE AT THIS TIME. FONSEC GOMEZ ASKED ME TO COMMUNICATE WITH MY TWO COLLEAGUES HIS DESIRE THAT MEXICO NOT BE MENTIONED PUBLICLY. SINCE ASYLUM IN MEXICO WAS A REQUEST OF MENDEZ VARGAS WHICH QUICKLY WAS PICKED UP BY THE LOCAL MEDIA (PROBABLY FROM GENERAL GUZMAN) I FEAR THAT KEEPING MEXICO OUT OF THE PRESS IS A LOST CAUSE.

4. AT 10 PM, FONSEC GOMEZ INFORMED ME THAT MEXICAN AMBASSADOR UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TOLD HIM THAT HIS GOVERNMENT REGRETTED IT UNABLE ACCEDE GODR REQUEST. GOMEZ SAID HE WAS TRYING  
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TO LOCATE PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR AND WOULD KEEP ME INFORMED.  
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